

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Stephen Alan Smith, et al.

Application No.: 10/676,807

Confirmation No.: 3085

Filed On: October 1, 2003

For: Ergonomic Disposable Cup Having Improved  
Structural Integrity

Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano

Art Unit: 3781

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
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This is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-captioned application, after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please consider this Amendment before taking further action in this application. No fees are believed to be due in connection with this filing. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's rejections in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 4 of this paper.